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Dear President of the European Commission,  
Dear Ursula,

The S&D Group has long led the fight for social justice and the eradication of poverty. We therefore thank you for your commitment to addressing the root causes of poverty and presenting the first-ever EU Anti-Poverty Strategy with the aim of eradicating poverty by 2050. We are also pleased to see that you have responded to our plea to step up efforts to specifically focus on eradication of child poverty and that you will strengthen the Child Guarantee to prevent and fight social exclusion through education, healthcare and other essential public services.

As socialist and democrats, we believe that eradicating poverty must be based on a commitment of redistributing resources and opportunities to ensure social justice, shared prosperity, gender equality and the wellbeing of all people. This requires strengthening the governance system by ensuring that power lies in democratic institutions that act in the name of the people, and not in the hands of companies or the ultra-rich; redirecting investment towards the fulfilment of basic essential needs and rights; guaranteeing quality jobs and living wages for all workers; protecting people against risks to prevent them from falling into poverty, including ensuring access to decent and affordable housing; developing just transitions based on environmental and social justice principles; and building up democratic systems that work effectively for the many and empower the most vulnerable.

Attached you will find our strategic paper on the European Anti-Poverty Strategy, which proposes concrete measures related to:

- 1. Governance for poverty eradication**
- 2. Social investment**
- 3. Quality jobs**
- 4. Equal opportunities and social protection**
- 5. Just transitions for all**
- 6. Democracy and social justice**

We count on you to use this strategic paper in your internal preparations for an ambitious Anti-Poverty Strategy to be presented without delay as only strong and swift measures can make a difference.

As global uncertainty grows, the urgency of fighting poverty and supporting the most vulnerable has never been greater. We cannot afford to treat social policy and security policy as competing priorities. Investing in people strengthens our collective capacity to meet defence challenges and remain competitive.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iratxe', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Iratxe García Pérez  
President, S&D Group in the European Parliament